



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, February 17, 2005, is the 100th Anniversary of the
3 dedication of Frances Elizabeth Caroline Willard's statue in
4 Statuary Hall in the Capitol of the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Said statue of Frances Willard was offered to the
6 United States by the State of Illinois and accepted with thanks
7 by the Congress of the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, Frances Willard was an incomparable organizer,
9 leader, founder of women's organizations, protector of the
10 home, agitator for the rights of women and children,
11 suffragist, temperance and prohibition advocate, friend of
12 labor, author, editor, lecturer, educator, and distinguished
13 worker for peace and human welfare; and

14 WHEREAS, Frances Willard today stands as a symbol among the
15 splendid women of her day, in Illinois and the world, who had
16 to fight to prove that both responsibility for and guidance of
17 human affairs belong to women as well as men; and

18 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois, in presenting the statue of
19 Frances Willard to the United States to be placed among the
20 figures of the greatest men that have lived in the United
21 States, has honored itself, has justly honored a great woman,
22 and has paid tribute to all American womanhood; therefore, be
23 it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
25 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
26 March be known as Magnificent Mentor Month, a time to remember
27 Frances Willard and all those women, the Magnificent Mentors,
28 who proved that both the responsibility for and guidance of
29 human affairs belong to women as well as men.